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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02/20/2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1 – 13 have been examined.

Priority

2. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d). The certified copy has been filed in parent Application No. JAPAN 2001-369451 filed on 12/04/2001.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kametani [US Pat: 6,839,346].

Regarding claims 1-3, Kametani disclosed in the invention of "Packet Switching Apparatus with High Speed Routing Function" a method for selectively performing packet processing a data packet of an input packet flow according to the input line the packet was received from and the packet identifier [items 14,16,17,20 of Fig 2-4, column 2, lines 53-67, column 3 lines 1-14, column 9, lines 5-27, abstract].

Regarding claims 4-6, Kametani disclosed that the packet processing method is selected by referring to a table based on the identifier included in the packet data and on which input line the packet flow is received, such that the processing selected is corresponding to the input line and the processing to be performed for packet data is encryption/decryption/encapsulation [Fig 2-4, Fig 6B, Fig 7, column 3, lines 15-67, column 4, lines 1-5, column 6, lines 1-26, column 7, lines 22-63, Fig 4, column 9, lines 5-27].

Regarding claims 7-9, 11-13, Kametani disclosed the packet processing method and apparatus comprising of a processor selector for extracting identification information such as source and destination address from the packet header of the packet of a input packet flow, selecting a table for holding a pair of data items that are identification information and the processing to be performed for the packet in advance, selecting a table according to a search key, which is identification information extracted by the processor selector and processes the packet according to a result of searching in the table and selects a port for sending processed packet [Fig 4, Fig 6B, column 4, lines 41-67, column 5, lines 1-67, column 7, lines 46-67, column 8, lines 1-17, column 9, lines 5-27].

Regarding claim 10, Kametani disclosed that the packet processing apparatus has different of types of packet processors is being independent for a processing type to be

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performed for packets [item 20, Fig 2, column 8 lines 42-57, column 9, lines 29-63].

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art in reference here is Kametani.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to the attention to Venkatesh Haliyur whose phone number is 571-272-8616. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached @ (571)-272-3134. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (571)-272-2600 or fax to 571-273-8300.

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